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SUBJ: TRADE POLICY TEAM VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA - DOMINICAN RE-
PUBLIC

REF: STATE 185787

1. US MTN DEL HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SPEAK WITH DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA WHO IS ABSENT ON VACATION.
USDEL BELIEVES THAT
VARIOUS ISSUES RELATED TO SUGAR WILL BE
HIGH ON DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AGENDA, INCLUDING POSSIBLE
US PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT, AND
OUTLOOK FOR NEGOTIATION ON US SUGAR TARIFFS IN THE MTN.

2. CONCERNING MTN ISSUES, ONLY DOM REP INVOLVEMENT TO
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DATE HAS BEEN IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS (TP) GROUP WITH US

MTN DEL HAVING COMPLETED ONE PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION ON DOM REP TP REQUEST. RECOMMEND THAT TRADE TEAM ENGAGE IN FURTHER CLARIFICATION SESSION DURING VISIT, AND PRESENT US SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTIONS TO DOM REP TRADE OFFICIALS (KNEPPER WILL HAVE PERTINENT BRIEFING MATERIALS WITH HIM.). IT IS LIKELY DOMINICANS WILL RAISE SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICAN REQUIREMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS, SUCH AS QUOTAS, STANDARDS AND INSPECTION FEES, WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THEIR TP REQUEST. (SEE 75 GENEVA 7576) REQUEST WASHINGTON AGENCIES PREPARE APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE FOR TRADE TEAM ON THIS ISSUE.

3. DOM REP REPORTEDLY REQUIRES CONSULAR FORMALITIES AND FEES FOR IMPORTS. TRADE TEAM MAY WISH TO RAISE THIS ISSUE, NOTING THAT ELIMINATION OF CONSULAR FORMALITIES AND FEES COULD BE CONSIDERED AS A CONTRIBUTION TO MTN. US HAS PROPOSED PLURILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN NTM SUBGROUP ON CUSTOMS MATTERS IN WHICH COUNTRIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN REMOVAL OF THESE MEASURES AND THOSE THAT HAVE RECENTLY REMOVED THEM, WOULD EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THOSE COUNTRIES STILL MAINTAINING THEM TO ASCERTAIN RATIONALE FOR THEIR CONTINUATION AND TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF ACHIEVING SAME OBJECTIVE.CULBERT

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